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Exam voted out by faculty council

Stephen C. Smith
ALMAGEST

A resolution abolishing the current academic proficiency test was passed by a vote of 41-40 at the Faculty Council meeting held Monday at the University Center Theatre.

The resolution further called for a better means of student evaluation in the general educational curriculum. This may or may not call for either a newer version of a national proficiency exam or an individually departmentalized version.

The meeting centered on differences of opinion in reference to the validity of the exam as a means of student evaluation.

While both faculty members and students agreed that some means of evaluation was needed, a question of just

charged debate.

Faculty Senate president Dr. Rebecca Nolan stated, "the purpose of the proficiency exam is to ensure and maintain the quality of our graduates because they are representative of the university." Nolan asserted that students have been doing very well on the exam based on the fact that the 1997 national median score was 280, while the LSU-S median stood at 314.

According to Fine Arts professor Dr. Michael Williams, "there may be some amount of trouble in association with the exam, but it's trouble worth taking. There's a certain amount of public accountability to be dealt with because we are tasked as a university to make sure our graduates have minimum competency skills. It may not be the easy thing or the popular thing, but it's the right thing."

Biology professor Cran Lucas said, "the issue is about quality assurance. It (the exam) gives us an idea of how our students perform in comparison with the national norm and against other institutions. The grades a student receives in a class are not the central issue because of the problem of grade inflation. The only way we can know if we are doing a quality job is to compare the data we receive from this test."

On the other side of issue, Mathematics Professor Dr. Carlos Speight stated, "the exam does not test what students are learning in mathematics. It (the exam) can also be an administrative nightmare because of the time spent preparing for it, and in some cases, getting remedials because of it."

Social Science

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Spring Fling fun is a struggle for some



Photo by Chris Howell

Kerri Revell revels in victory after reaching the cow bell in the bungee run at Spring Fling '98. The inflatable tows were a hit as usual. The reggae atmosphere did not make as big of a splash. For complete coverage, turn to the picture essay on page 6-7.

Man shoots self at UC apartments

Kirk Dickey
ALMAGEST

A man was shot at the University Court Apartments early last Wednesday when the gun he was carrying fell out of his pocket and fired into his arm. Campus police said that it is unlawful for them to ban guns from the apartments.

At about 12:15 on April 15, Campus police responded to a call of gunfire at the the apartments.

According to officer Kerry Anderson, Philbus Darnell Carhee, 23, was visiting his ex-girlfriend, Gwendolyn Ezernack, when the .25 caliber handgun he had in his pocket fell out and discharged as he bent to enter his car and

leave.

Anderson said that Carhee had been talking to Ezernack, trying to convince her not to end their relationship. Anderson said that Carhee had threatened suicide. The gun may have been brought for that purpose.

A friend took Carhee to LSU Medical Center. He checked in, but quickly checked out without being treated.

When he tried to enter his car, LSU Med Center police issued him a summons to appear in court for non-related charges.

Ronald Parker, head of LSUS' campus police, said that although they can enforce the law on campus housing property, they cannot prohibit guns there. The

housing proprietors are the only ones who can take action on this matter. "I think that housing over there needs to take a strong look at their lease," Parker said.

Parker believes that this would a good time to check on leases and look into making some changes.

"It's easier to do it now," Parker said.

Parker said that the campus police cannot prosecute a person for possession of a gun at the apartments. If the gun is on the person on campus it is prosecutable.

The only exception is if the gun is being used for educational purposes, or if the person does not remove the weapon from his or her car.



SGA senator Liesl Boniol said that the test was unfair, after the vote. "There is no one test that can measure a student's proficiency. Time constraints and poor organization made this test difficult," Boniol said.

how this evaluation would be administered came to the fore.

Individuals on both sides of the issue made several compelling points throughout the course of this emotionally

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Admissions counselors want to make new students feel comfortable

**Kathy Pratt
ALMAGEST**

LSUS recently named Nicole Shelby and Kelli Stevens as the two new admissions counselors to aid in recruiting and give the best possible service to prospective students. These positions became available in December after both previous counselors left. Between January and April, two LSUS students temporarily filled the job requirements until the best applicants for the job were found.

Shelby is originally from Shreveport and attended LSUS from August of 1990 to December of 1994, where she graduated with a degree in marketing. When asked why she wanted the position as an admission counselor, Shelby said, "I always enjoyed my years at LSUS. It did a lot for me, so I wanted to give something back to them."

Shelby enjoys traveling, reading, and exercising. She also spends a lot of time involving herself in community and other social events. Shelby hopes to become involved with various student organizations at LSUS, so that she can get to know some of the students attending here.

Shelby's coworker, Kelli Stevens is also originally from this area. Stevens is a Bossier City native and attended Northeast Louisiana University from 1993 to 1997, where she graduated with a degree in psychology. A Phi Mu alumna, Stevens had experience for this position while attending NLU, where she worked on the orientation staff.

Stevens enjoys collect-

freshmen, Stevens said, "Talk to the admissions office and get tours of the campus, because being organized will help you feel more at home in this new adventure."

Stevens and Shelby are currently working together on PREVIEW, a recruiting program for high school juniors and seniors, and the Seniors Award Banquet. They also have been visiting area high schools and



Photo by Chris Howell

Kelli Stephens (left) and Nichole Shelby (right) have been selected as LSUS' new admissions counselors.

ing "Gone With the Wind" and "Winnie the Pooh" memorabilia and she also enjoys walking for exercise in her spare time. When asked what advice she would give to incoming

participating at local job fairs.

Both Shelby and Stevens are available to students and prospective students anytime in the Admissions and Records office.

Education to be re-accredited

**Kathy Pratt
ALMAGEST**

The Department of Education at LSUS is up for re-accreditation this year, and according to Dr. Gary Rush, dean of the education department, everything should be fine.

Every fifth year, schools of education, who prefer to be accredited, must be renewed by the National Council for Accreditation for Teachers of Education. "Schools choose to be accredited by this organization, and out of about 1,500 schools, only 500 or so choose to do so," Dr. Rush said.

LSUS has been accredited since it first opened. The process first involves an initial accreditation, then every fifth year they can be extended for two years, then they must be reviewed again for the next five-year extension.

The council has very rigorous standards for which they use to renew accreditation. First, every year, annual report on all weaknesses in the department must be noted. Second, many different groups made up of various experts trained to do evaluations from several states, such as Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, and many others, visit the

campus, the classes, study the catalog of the curriculum, and the schools that LSUS serves.

LSUS has never been denied accreditation, but they have been on probation. According to Dr. Rush, the reason for this was LSUS itself, but because of state finances. But this should not be a problem this time because of changes made in the funding for higher education.

So there is nothing for education majors to fear, according to Dr. Rush. "We are very optimistic that everything is and will go well."

Counseling can help treat anxiety

Jerry Scott
ALMAGEST

Since it opened in 1981, LSUS' Student Counseling Center Services has changed directors and locations over the years, but its concern for the personal, social and educational issues facing students seems to have remained constant.

Counseling issues handled by the center include adjustment disorders, which are clinically defined as everyday people with everyday problems and psychological anxieties, which are more fear based disorders such as math anxiety.

One concern of Paula Lewis, the center's director, is that more male students are not taking advantage of counseling services to help relieve the stress and pressures of their academic and social lives.

"Typically, our students are 2/3 women and 1/3 men. The reason for those numbers is that men have tradi-

tionally been taught to suck it up and get over it as if they are unaffected by stress and anxiety," Lewis said.

Part of the center's success is because of their ability to be personable and sensitive at the same time, while helping the student to speak about what is troubling them.

"Both myself and the staff, never want to be so serious and so far removed from a students that we can't feel for them and be sympathetic to their troubles, because we all have them. They are part of life," Lewis said.

Lewis said the center handles about 400 to 600 students each semester with a variety of different approaches that are personalized to fit the type of problem the student is facing.

One of the counseling techniques that seems to work for a number of students is one known as solution-focused counseling, which addresses the problem initially, but from then on, concentrates

on multiple solutions to the problem, that are best for the students counseling needs.

Lewis urges men and women, regardless of social status, race, or other barriers, to seek the services of the campus counseling center and not try to cope with what may be a bigger problem than they can handle.

One of the new programs the center is beginning in the fall is Anxiety Awareness Screening Day, which will make more information on anxiety disorders clear to students and help stop some of the misconceptions about anxiety disorders.

Another program titled, "Unleash Your Cramming Potential," will give students the most effective ways to do that last-minute studying for finals and tests, without causing added stress and anxiety.

Lewis said that since the appointment of new assistant director, Paula Atkins in January, the center has been able to provide more coun-



Photo by Chris Howell

Paula Lewis (left) and Paula Atkins (right) try to get students to open up to them, so that they can help. Many of the problems they deal with are common everyday fears, like math anxiety

selling activities that take place in classroom settings. Peer counselors Elizabeth Wren, Patrick Lewis and Aline Carbo also work with Lewis and Atkins to help address those counseling needs of those students who feel more comfortable talking to someone who may be experiencing the same prob-

lems or may have in the past.

April has been named Counseling Awareness Month by the American Counseling Association, and students are encouraged to take advantage of student counseling services or help a friend by recommending counseling services to them, if they need help.

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Henrietta will be remembered

Today, we mourn the passing of an LSUS icon. Henrietta the chicken was found dead on Friday, April 17 at 8:00 a.m. between Bronson Hall and the Business Education Building.

Henrietta was first spotted on campus around 1993-94. Back then, if you said you saw a chicken on campus, you were looked at as if you said you saw a little pink elephant.

Soon, though, everyone knew who Henrietta was. She had become a kind of mascot for the school. She gave the school a uniqueness that few things can do.

She had even found a mate named Chanticleer (or Henry), when she died. (Marketing secretary Joann Copeland said that when Henrietta's body was found, he was standing over her.)

Though some may doubt the effect she had on this school, it is safe to say that many people are saddened by her death. A makeshift tombstone has been placed at her grave. It reads, "Here lies Henrietta, she was a good

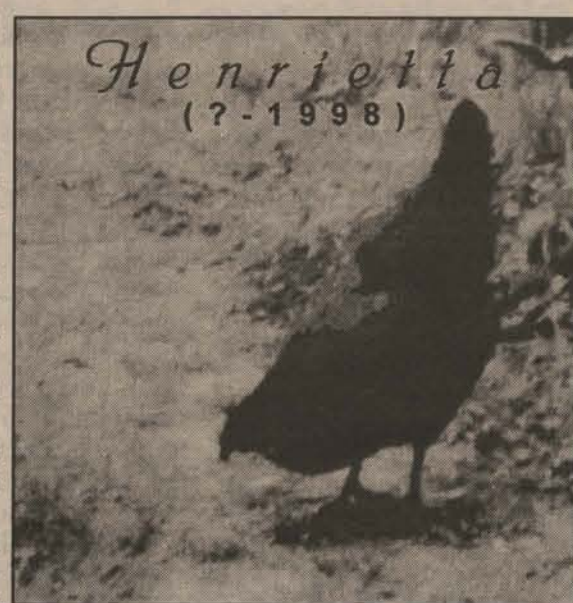


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egg." Yes, she was

Sincerely, *The Almagest* Staff

In response to 'Brian's Picks and Pokes'

A couple of weeks ago, my friend Brian Allen announced his picks for the 1998 baseball season. Now for the expert's picks.

AL East — Baltimore will win the division going away because of their superior pitching staff, headed by perennial All-Star Mike Mussina, and their "Silver Slugger" lineup, which consists of 8 starters over 30 years old. The experience bodes well for a division championship and a probable World Series berth.

Second place in the division, and in all probability the AL wild card, looks like it will be between New York and Boston.

The edge goes to the Yankees simply because when you have George Steinbrenner's financial resources you can go out and get an impact player, like Chuck Knoblauch, and even though you decimate your farm system, know you will be a competitive a couple of years down the road.

Boston will have to deal with the on-going Mo Vaughn contract saga and the dreaded "Curse of the Bambino" which has left autumns in eastern Massachusetts as exciting as pitching for the Expos, which new staff ace Pedro Martinez was

doing at this time last year.

Tampa Bay and Toronto will battle to stay out of the cellar in the division.

This time the nod goes to Toronto because they've got the last two AL Cy Young winners going every fifth day.

However, Tampa Bay started the season strong and if veterans Fred McGriff and Wade Boggs hold up the 'Rays could set the record for victories by an expansion team.

AL Central

— Again the Indians are the class of the division.

Their fast start was buoyed by strong pitching performances by youngsters Jaret Wright and Bartolo Colon. The two flame-throwers showed that the staff is not as weak as was thought at the outset of the season. Add to the mix, Kenny Lofton, Jim Thome and Sandy Alomar, Jr. and the Indians could be smiling all the way into October. At least until they meet Baltimore.

The rest of the division is filled with either teams who have an identity crisis or teams with a lack of talent.

The White Sox, with

Albert Belle, Robin Ventrone and Frank Thomas, should be one of the best hitting teams in baseball, but they have struggled early with Belle enduring a horrible 2-33 slump. While they aren't the best hitting team, a case can be made that they are the "thuggiest" team in the majors. The argument was strengthened with the signing of warrant-regulator Wil Cordero.

The Tigers have started slowly bringing back memories of their 53-109 season of 1996.

The team



promised to make even greater strides this year but have found little success in their new division.

The Royals and Twins will likely stage a race to see who stays out of the cellar, assuming Detroit doesn't interrupt.

Kansas City has seen players go through like a revolving door. After replacing the entire infield last season, shortstop Jay Bell defected to Arizona, leaving the Royals with only Jose "E-6" Offerman. It will be a "royally" blue season in Kansas City.

Minnesota, soon to be North Carolina, is no bet-

ter off than K.C. The only positive they have going for them is Brad Radke, a 20-game winner last season. However, if he duplicates his 1996 season in which opposing batters blasted a major-league leading 40 home runs off of him the Twins will be happy to see the September call-ups.

AL West—The most homer-happy division in baseball will be won with the team with the best (drum roll) bullpen, the Texas Rangers.

The Strangers have one of the game's top closers in John Wetteland and of course the fundamentally strongest ball club in the game.

Shortstop Kevin Elster is back and new third basemen Fernando Tatis made his presence felt after a mid-season call-up from Double A Tulsa.

A lot of people like the Mariners. I am one of them. So why am I not picking them to win the division? Simply put one word: Bullpen. Seattle's bullpen collapses faster than a folding chair under Cecil Fielder. They blew 27 saves last year and are on pace to better, or worsen, that mark this year. Even Junior, Junior, Jr. (Alex Rodriguez) and Bonehead (Jay Buhner) can't help manager Lou Piniella win the division,

but a wild card is possible.

Speaking of Cecil Fielder, the new Angels' DH showed up in great shape in camp and has the look of his pre-1997 self. That should mean 30 HRs and 100 RBI for the Angels. Team him with the young outfield of Jim Edmonds, Garret Anderson and Tim Salmon and the Angels may make a serious run at the pennant before fading in September.

Poor Oakland. First Al Davis, then Latrell Sprewell and now this. Ben Grieve, the likely AL Rookie of the Year, deserves better. Even with a beefed up rotation, this team may be looking at 100 losses.

Now for a look at the senior circuit.

NL East—Atlanta is still the class of division with possibly the greatest pitching staff ever assembled. Chipper Jones started hot, but he key is Andres Galaragga. If the Braves are to win the Fall Classic, the Big Cat has to prove he is not a product of the Colorado or Thin Air Theory.

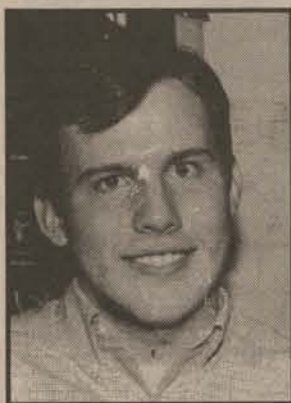
The Mets were 14 games over .500 last year with a no-name group of scrappers. Basically, the lineup remains intact although catcher Todd

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Polar Points.

Who would win in a real battle of the sexes?

By Mark Anderson



Men and women are different. This is a truth that no one can deny. After all, we are polarized from day one. In the hospital, new born babies, too small to be separated by height, are organized according to a complex color code — blue for boys and pink for girls. What at the time seems to be a small and trivial difference, soon becomes a multitude of differences, and before we even realize it, boy and girl, man and woman are two very different beings. After a 20 year sociological experiment (growing up with five sisters), I have noticed these differences and come to the conclusion that men are usually on the right side of them. I have also come to the conclusion that I will not give this column to

my girlfriend or my sisters to read.

Nowhere are the differences of men and women more evident than in the realm of entertainment. Men simply like better music and movies. After all, it is women who make the career of Michael Bolton possible. Men like loud music and movies with action and suspense. That combination can only be positive. However, women usually reject the male movie ideal, instead opting to view movies that are romantic and slow paced.

Furthermore, men are honest (sometimes brutally) with one another. If your new hair cut looks stupid, you can count on a man to tell you so. There are no hidden meanings behind what men say. In other words, we speak what we feel. This is often disputed by women, but it is the truth.

On the other hand, women seem to be more reserved with one another. You hardly ever hear a woman criticize another woman's hair or clothes to her face. But, wouldn't the world be a more amusing place to live if they did? Imagine walking down the street and hearing a woman tell another woman that her hair looks like a frayed dish towel. Thinking that I might see an encounter like that would be enough to make me hop out of bed in the morning. Instead, the criticism is given to other friends, behind the person's back, much to the dismay of the United States male population.

Another difference separating the sexes is the process of getting dressed. Many men can be completely ready to go, in the morning, in ten minutes or less. Having five sisters, I can tell you that women are much different. Their morning process of getting dressed can sometimes last for an hour or two, and that is a conservative estimate. It truly depends on how much they got done before they went to bed the night before (I am really not going to let my sisters read this now).

While I contend that men are on the right side of most of the differences that separate the sexes, you shouldn't simply take my word for it. After all, my opinion could be considered a bit of a biased one. And as my girlfriend and my five sisters are quick to remind me, men are almost never right anyway.

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By MaKayla J. Sibley



Anyone who's seen the movie *My Fair Lady* knows the scene where Henry Higgins sings the very famous song, "Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man?" In the song, he laments about women's shortcomings and faults, while overzealously listing the "superiority" and grandeur of being a man. I'll tell you why we can't be more like a man, and furthermore, why we don't want to be one! We women have some pretty amazing qualities and some of the perks that come with the job aren't half bad either. A very unsystematic and unscientific poll was taken, and here are some of my favorites on why it's so great to be XX's:

- The big one... The miracle of Life. We have ring-side

seats.

- We live longer.
- Satin panties, teddies, long sexy nightgowns, and silk stockings.
- We don't spend as much money on dates.
- Women just don't have the problem of being controlled by two different brains at

the same time (both above and below the belt).

- Two power words: miniskirts and cleavage.
- Cotton candy fingernail polish and lip gloss to match.
- Romance novels with Fabio on the front. (They're so much more intriguing than Louis L'Amour.)
- Perfume on the back of your knees.
- It's more acceptable for women to color their hair when gray attacks.

- Women are much more in tune with their feelings.

We can cry, scream, let our emotions be known and no one is really appalled. As a result, we are much healthier because we aren't forced by any "code of rules" to bottle up our "passions."

- We have more tolerance for pain. (Brand new studies on this.) Ask any woman who's been through labor or had cramps.

- Women's intuition.

- We sit to go to the bathroom, which has got to be more comfortable and accurate. (I also might add that we have doors on our bathroom stalls.)

- Also, notice who went first into the lifeboats on the *Titanic*.
- "Ladies Night" at the bars.
- We don't have hair in our ears.
- We don't go bald as often.
- More erogenous zones.
- Women aren't stuck with the same old suit and tux for every occasion. We add flair to any event.
- Chivalry. Plain and simple.
- Big fluffy hair.
- Women are able to make men drop to their knees in awe. (Check out Percy Sledge's "When A Man Loves A Woman" song.)
- Multiple orgasms (without having to wait half an hour.)
- High heels (I know they hurt, but they make us feel super sexy.)
- Diamonds (You know they are a girl's best friend.)
- Batting our eyelashes.
- Getting flowers after a date or "just because".
- Having stores tailor-made just for us. (Victoria's Secret)
- Showers. Any occasion. All the time. (For men who don't get it: bridal, baby, etc.)
- And having men on the planet to squish bugs (Sorry Dr. Burden) and check on "bumps in the night" for you.

So, in honor of ourselves, let's raise a glass to all the Liza Doolittles, Scarlett O'Haras, Elizabeth Taylors, and Julia and Suzanne Sugarbakers of the world. They are eternally classic, not in spite of being women, but because of it.

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SPRING FLING '98



LEFT: Stafford Hunter defends himself against the onslaught in Joust.

RIGHT: Hunter falls at the hands of Charlie Holubek, a master of the big stick.

SECOND ROW LEFT: Del "Compu-man" Johnson sneek attacks Scott Hardwick.

RIGHT: Johnson revels in victory over the blood drenched body of his opponent. OK, maybe not.

all photos
by Chris Howell



Chicken, Pigs, and Reggae, Oh My!!!

G.K. Trusty, Jr.
ALMAGEST

Chickens, pigs and reggae, oh my. Yes, another Spring Fling is in the books, but no one could say that it was predictable.

The event started Wednesday night with the band Life in General performing. With their bongo drums in hand, Life in General entertained LSU-S students with a variety of old classics and new alternative hits. While the band was "jamming," American Humanics decided to entertain a different way. The club took a large sheet of paper and marked a number of squares that were available for students to purchase. Once all the squares had been bought,

American Humanics put the sheet of squares on the bottom of a small cage and released four chickens. The purpose behind this was to have one of the chickens "poop" in the general area of one of the squares. Whose ever square the chicken did its duty on would win the prize of \$25. After a long wait and a collage of scaring tactics, one of the fine feathered friends made a mess and a winner was declared.

The Biology Club was also amusing folks with their "Kiss a Pig" contest. By making a donation to the club, students and others were able to vote for a certain lucky faculty member to kiss a pig. That's right, a real oinking pig. The list of candidates

RIGHT: Randy Patton struggles against the Bungee Run to see if he can reach the cow bell. Nope. Sorry, better luck next time.



SPRING FLING '98



LEFT: Christine Burgess, Jamie Lyons, Jen Ebarb, Heather Jackson, & G.K. Trusty man the PRSSA booth
RIGHT: Sabra Scroggins, Jen Roberts, Jerry Samerall, and Jeremy Drach all wait for the chicken to poop at the Humanics booth.

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was long and distinguished, but at the end the Biology Club's own Dr. Beverly Burden won the honors.

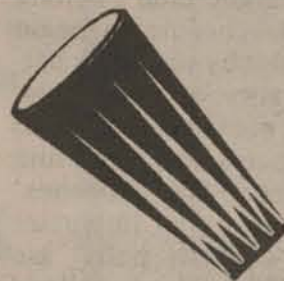
Chickens and pigs were not the only source of entertainment. The fling offered such events as a Lunar Crawl, the 4 in 1 event and the much anticipated Gladiator Joust.

For the second straight year the Joust was the main topic of conversation. It was an event that allowed everyone to be involved. It was possible to see fellow frat brothers going at it or even the occasional boyfriend vs. girlfriend showdown. This battle normally decided who would possess the remote control for the evening.

Student organizations

added to the fun by providing a host of different food items. From crawfish to popcorn, the students had no problem in finding something to eat. But by purchasing these delicacies, students were also donating to the organizations. Such groups as the History Club, Bacchus, International Club and the Public Relations Student Society of America were just a few of the campus organizations that benefited from the generosity of fellow classmates.

At the end of Thursday, the reggae died down and it was time for students and faculty to return to their everyday scholastic lives. One thing is for sure. For two days LSUS was not just a college, it was fun.



You can't give a thang if it ain't got that sting (hey, isn't that a song).

ABOVE: Kevin Smalls feels the burn as he gives blood while the festivities are going on outside.

LEFT: Rocky Fowler and Ryan Wicker join Smalls in giving a little of themselves.



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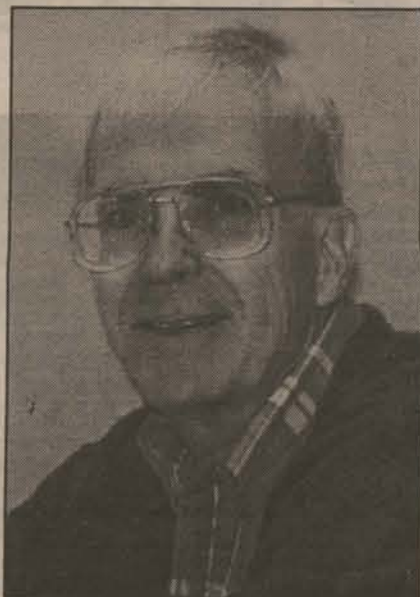
M.S. Math — Northern Illinois University

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Associate professor
"Dave" Foley has been a member of the LSUS faculty for eleven years, but has

been apart of several other university faculties around the country. His first college teaching position was as an instructor at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL shortly after completing his master's degree at NIU. That opportunity led to positions at other universities such as Wichita State University in Wichita, KS and Texas A&M in College Station, TX.

Although a majority of his professional experience has been in academia Foley has worked in industry as a software engineer with the NCR Corporation in Dallas, TX.

The job at NCR is what lead him to re-route his teaching to the area of computers. The mathematics field had less teaching opportunities available as compared to computer sci-

ence.

With the increase in computer usage worldwide it is no surprise that the need for computer instructors also increased.

Foley acknowledges the technical fee paid by each LSU-S student has helped to enhance the campus with more equipment thus keeping LSU-S abreast of the rapidly changing computer technology.

Foley teaches not only those majoring in computer science, people he calls tool builders in the computer industry, but also those who will be tool users, as in the CSC-111 course. In each case, one aspect that has kept him in the academic world as opposed to industry has been the ability to present a difficult concept to students and have them understand it.

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Pilots make playoffs

Brian Allen
ALMAGEST

It's official, the best college team that no one knows about is in the NAIA Sectional Playoffs. The Pilots hover between fifth and fourth place in this region, and the top six advance to the playoffs. Information is still pouring in from coaches polls throughout the country, so at press time the Pilots are not certain which position they're in. The playoff trip is a definite, however.

The LSUS Pilots regular season record stands at 23-37, but their conference record is 14-6 which is the mark that's sending them into the postseason. A troubling statistic is the Pilots' dismal record in the close contests. They are 0-12 in one-run games, and 2-6 in two-run contests. Picture the Pilots' record with another 16 or 17 wins added and it's immediately impressive. It takes a little longer to espouse the merits of a

23-37 mark, but college baseball is strange that way. LSUS has dropped 31 games to non-conference opponents like the LSU Tigers, who some might argue didn't belong on the schedule to begin with. But by playing a better quality of opposition, teams earn the respect of their peers and opposing coaches. The coaches' opinions are all important since coaches polls are the lifeblood of college sports.

Make no mistake, it's been a successful season for LSUS, but it's far from over. Now the intense preparation begins as the Pilots try to finish the season on a strong note. The final home game is this Thursday against William Carey College, currently ranked 10th in the nation. Before the game there will be an awards ceremony to honor the outstanding performances of this season. Admission, as always, is free.

Faculty council abolishes test

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Professor, Dr. Milton Finley stated, "there are questions included in the exam that reference material students may not have covered. This exam was a bad idea from the beginning and faculty members who opposed the idea were brushed aside and given no opportunity to provide feedback."

SGA president Nick Crafts said, "we are all looking for the same goal here, to graduate proficient students. But maybe we need to reassess our means of evaluation."

"Simply changing the test may not be the answer to this problem. Perhaps if each department came up with their own standardized test it would be a more accurate measure of proficiency."

LSU-S Chancellor Dr. Vincent J. Marsala, who presided over the meeting said afterwards, "this has been an emotional issue that has split the faculty down the middle."

The Louisiana State Board of Regents has decreed that we assess our students

according to an appropriate test procedure to measure the effectiveness of our general education program. We have been given a great deal of latitude in this area and our system of measurement can range from a national proficiency exam to departmental exams or completion of specific courses.

Whether there has been a winner or loser on this issue remains unclear at this time. Both factions agreed some sort of evaluation is needed, but found differences when it came to methodology. The positive factor for both parties is that this resolution will allow for more dialogue on the subject and give students, who have in the past stated they felt ignored, an opportunity to make their feelings known.

"Reconsideration of this issue will lead to more clarification about the exam itself and provide a great forum for faculty and student input in order to arrive at the best possible solution for everyone involved," said Dr. Marsala.

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CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

Accounting Club

Meets: 3rd Wed. of each month, noon, BE216.

Activities: speakers, networking, scholarships, volunteer tax assistance, campus activities.

Contact: accounting dept., college of business.

ACJS/Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tue.

Activities: various community activities, speakers on law enforcement ops. Contact: Dr. Bernadette Palombo 797-5343, or Richard Georgia 797-5078.

ACM, Association for Computing Machinery

Meets: 3rd Thu of each month @ 10:30 in SC120. Activities: speakers, contests, social activities. Contact: Steve Noonan, 949-2831.

AITP, Association of Information and Technical Professionals

Meets: 3rd Thu of each month @ 10:30 in SC120. Activities: speakers, scholarships, social activities. Contact: Rebecca Herzog, 861-6460.

American Humanics

Meets: TBA. Contact: Betty Allen, 795-4230.

Biology Club

Meets: twice a month, SC228. Activities: social events, career seminars, fundraisers, community and campus service

projects. Contact: Dr. Beverly Burden, 797-5088, bburden@pilot.lsus.edu.

Campus Ministry

Meets: 1st and 3rd Tue 10:30 a.m., UC Pilots Room.

Activities: devotionals, programs, service projects.

Contact: Toni Bishop, 798-8837 Betsy Eaves, 869-5024.

Catholic Student Union

Meets: Twice a month. Activities: community service, social events, fundraisers.

Contact: Joseph Holubek, 868-6104.

Colleagues

Meets: Twice a month, @10:30 a.m. in UC, Webster, dates TBA. Activities: community service, Social events, fundraisers, campus service projects, raising funds for a minority scholarship. Contact: Tamara Flentroy, 797-5393, or 635-5686. Open to everyone.

Chemistry Club

Meets: 1st Thu of each month. Activities: group. Contact: Dr. Gustavson, 797-5091.

Drama Club

Meets: Tue, Thu, 10:30 a.m., BH330. Activities: dramatic production, first hand information on auditions in local productions, volunteer work. Contact: Jorgi Jarzabek, 797-5228.

English Club

Meets: 3rd Thu of each month. Activities: booksale, guest speakers, social activities.

Contact: Dr. Thomas Dubose, BH251, or Patty Lenox, 869-3251.

Golden Z Club

Meets: 2nd Tue monthly at 10:30 a.m. Activities: volunteer work, tutoring, community projects. Contact: Timothy Chia at 795-3372.

Health and P.E. Club

Meets: Tue&Thu 10:30 a.m.

Activities: almost anything goes for LSUS, judge field days for elementary schools.

Contact: Maxie Foster, 797-7294.

History Club

Meets: First Thu of each month, at 10:30 a.m. in BH446. Contact: Dr. Finley or Michael Modica, 747-4736.

International Club

Meets: 1st Thu of each month, 10:30 a.m., in BH236.

Activities: guest speakers, films, travel and foreign exchange information, International Food Festival, community service. Contact: Joe Patrick, 797-5390.

Japanese Cultural Society

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tue of each month. Activities: demonstrations, discussions. Contact: Emi Wamsley, 861-7482, BH238, BH240.

Louisiana Association of Educators, LAESP

Meets: 1st&3rd Thu of each month. Activities: student teacher tea, speakers, bookfair, workshops, and service projects. Contact: Melissa Jones, 746-0597, e-mail:

LAESP@yahoo.com

Math Club

Meets: 2nd and 4th Tue of each month, 10:30 a.m., BH405.

Activities: group activities, Science Olympiad, Viro-Wars Tournament. Contact: Dr. Mabry or Dr. Covington.

MBA Association

Meets: Once a month. Activities: seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities. Contact: director of graduate studies, college of business.

Psychology Club

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thu monthly, 10:30, BE342. Activities: community service, social events, speakers, fundraisers. Contact: Michelle Hebert, 798-4023.

Public Relations Student Society of America

Meets: monthly, Thu, 10:30a.m. Activities: Volunteer work, contact with PRSA, seminars, speakers, workshops. Contact: 797-5375.

Rotorac

Meets: two meetings per month. Activities: students service organization, one service project per semester, luncheons. Contact: Dr. Paul Merkle, 797-5240.

Society of Professional Journalists,

Sigma Delta Chi

Meets: Thu, 10:30a.m.

Activities: guest speakers and field trips on topics related to journalism, socials. Contact: Rita Uotila, 795-3319, or 797-5328.

Society for Resource Management

Meets: BE104. Activities: speaker meetings, prof. chapter meetings, various activities. Contact: Brigitte Gillespie, 868-0128.

Sociology/Social Work Club

Meets: BH361. Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin or David O'Neal, 424-7332

Students for Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Meets: Thu @10:30 a.m.. Activities: teaching junior achievement. Contact: Cynthia O'Hare, 742-9357

Student Government Association, SGA

Meets: every Mon 6:30 p.m., DeSoto. Open to everyone. Contact: Bridgette Wilder, 797-5342.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

April 28 — Pre-cram Jam from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the UC mall. Food will be provided by Copeland's, Savoie's, Superior Grill, and many others. Also, a rock climbing wall will be made available for student use.

May 2 — Last day of classes; deadline to return library books

May 4-8 — Bookstore buy back

May 4-9 — Final exams

May 13 — Commencement at 7 p.m.

May 14 — Grades for Spring 1998 semester will be made available to students through the telephone registration service.

June 1 — Summer classes begin

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The parking space race

G.K. Trusty, Jr.
FEATURE

We all have played the game before. It is one of the most cherished events that LSUS offers. It is, "The Race For A Parking Space."

For those students who are not familiar with the game, it is very easy. When approaching the school parking lot a student will realize there are no parking spots close to the front of their appropriate building. Once this realization kicks in, the student pulls over to the right of the parking aisle until the next available spot is opened by a departing classmate.

This game is played almost every day, but rookies of "The Race For A Parking Space" must be aware of the rules set by campus police.

Campus Chief of Police Ron Parker instructs

everyone that waits for a parking space to make sure to pull as far to the right of the parking aisle as possible. The reason is to keep

and move on to another spot.

Fellow game player, Karin Smith, disagrees. She feels that as long as

the cars stay out of the way and do not block on-coming traffic that everything is all right. "I can see how people might get upset, but after having to park on the other

Photo by Chris Howell



from blocking on-coming traffic. Those who do not abide by this rule will be asked to move on and therefore lose their turn.

"It has never been a big problem for us," Parker said, "All we ask is to be considerate and give those cars that want to pass, enough room to do so."

Justin Adams believes it is a problem. He thinks that if there is not a parking space up close that the student should "suck it up"

side of campus to get to my classes, it is much easier to wait for someone to leave, so I can get a spot closer to my building," Smith said.

As for accidents, Chief Parker can guarantee that no more than two accidents have taken place on campus since he has been in charge. Those accidents involved students not paying attention, while backing out of parking places.

Pizza and politics

With the fervor of a bygone political era that promised "a chicken in every pot", the April 13th meeting of the SGA came to order in the Desoto Room of the University Center. There was an abundance of fresh, free pizza for the crush of expected guests and senate quorum that never attended. Of the several items on the agenda, the pizza seemed to garner the most interest.

No official action was taken at the April 13th meeting.

The April 20th meeting of the SGA fared somewhat better in attendance, if not in the number of guests, but that there was present a quorum of Senators.

One of the first orders of business was for President Crafts to have the senate affirm two appointees to the senate: Stephanie McKenzie, Senator-at-Large, and Amy James, Senator from the College of Education. The Senate unanimously approved Crafts' appointments.

With that business dispatched, Vice President Ted McCastlain announced that in the faculty senate meeting held earlier the afternoon of April 20th, the "proficiency exam" had been struck down at LSUS. McCastlain

cautioned, though, that a "committee would be appointed in the future to study perhaps another way such a test could be visited upon the student body", and that "the fight isn't over yet".

There was some discussion regarding just how the SGA should position itself concerning any future activity on the matter. An informal survey among all those present revealed that the SGA and the student body have faith in the teaching ability of LSUS professors. It was also agreed that the grade any student earns and accepts under the university repeat/delete policy, is in itself, evidence of proficiency in the subject area. The need for the SGA to adopt a formal position on the matter was batted about, but it was decided that could wait until a later date.

The recent recycling drive and competition was a success, even if the winner, TKE fraternity, did so by an un-orthodox means. It seems that the TKE's pulled a classic movie in raiding the recycling bin on the asphalt parking lot in order to boost their total recyclable weight. More rigid guidelines for future competitions of this nature will probably be mandated.

- ? a) Depression is a bunch of symptoms exhibited by weak people.
- b) Depression is an unbearable suppression of brain activity that can strike anyone.

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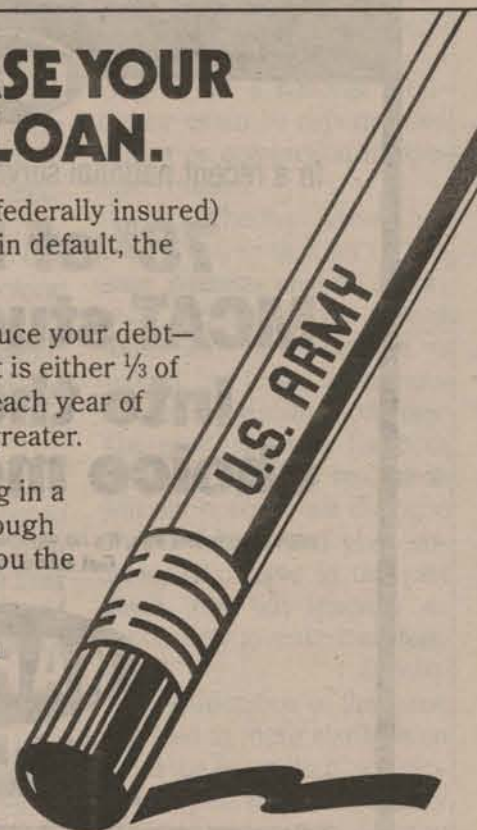
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In response . . . (continued from page 4)

Hundley, a 40 HR, 120 RBI guy in 1996, is out for the first half of the season. Regardless, the Mets are at least a year away from catching the Braves.

The Phillies, yes the Phillies, are my pick to show in the division. Only because the dearth of talent in Montreal and Florida and oh, yeah Curt Schilling. The right-hander whiffed a National League record 319 batters in 1997 and there is no reason to think he can't do it again.

Montreal and Florida are just waiting on their young prospects to mature and maybe in a couple of years . . .

NL Central—The Brewers started fast but don't look for it to go on all year long, instead be on the lookout for plenty of McGwire stories and moon shots in the Gateway to the West as the Cardinals take the

pennant and a ride all the way to the NLCS.

Houston and the Cubs should slug it out for second place.

Give the nod to Chicago because of their revamped lineup and closer Rod Beck.

Milwaukee is still adjusting to the National League so fourth place is not a bad showing. Jeromy Burnitz, Jeff Cirillo and the Brewers should be ready to compete in 200 when Miller Park is slated to open.

Cincinnati is a few years away and it would be a surprise if Pittsburgh could repeat last year's Cinderella season.

NL West—This is an angry division. The last three representatives in the playoffs are a combined 0-9. Look for San Diego to step up and edge out the Giants and Dodgers.

The Padres got Kevin Brown, the erstwhile ace of the Marlins, to add to a solid defensive team and an offensively explosive machine. Ken Caminiti is off to a fast start and could repeat his MVP season of 1996.

Dusty Baker's team of destiny, the San Francisco Giants look to be in contention all year thanks to a core of talented players headed by perennial All-Star Barry Bonds. If the Giants can create the same chemistry as last year, the division or the wild card is theirs for the taking.

The supremely talented Dodgers must think this is still Spring Training. How else could a team that has five former Rookies of the Year and the front-runner for this year's award (Paul Konerko) start so

slowly? The answer: this team represents more countries than the United Nations. On its pitching staff alone are natives of Dominican Republic, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Look for the Rockies to hit their usual boatload of homeruns in Denver but lose a lot of 10-9 and 11-10 games. Daryl Kile, a free-agent signee from Houston, made possibly the biggest

free agent blunder by signing to play in "Pitcher's Purgatory" or Coors Field. Kile is a curve-ball pitcher and the ball just doesn't break as much in the thin air.

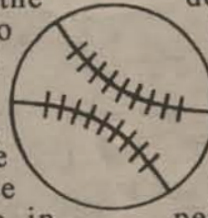
Last and certainly least, are the Arizona Diamondbacks. Even the better of the two expansion teams this bunch of newcomers just can't get out of the gate. However, look for the first basemen Travis Lee to make a run at the Rookie of the Year award.

So, what does it all mean?

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